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ATTALLA, ALABAMA

MINUTES

—OF THE—

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Etowah Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

WALNUT GROVE CHURCH.

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 1, 1891.

OFFICERS:

H. R. CULBERTSON, Moderator, Hokes' Bluff, Alabama.
R. R. YEATS, Clerk, Gadsden, Alabama.
J. R. NOWLIN, Treasurer, Gadsden, Alabama.

The next session will be held with Attalla Church, Attalla, Ala.,
commencing first Tuesday in September, 1892.

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—A. T. Fuller, Gadsden, Ala.
STATE MISSIONS—J. H. Glazener, Gadsden, Ala.
HOME MISSIONS—J. E. Smith, Markton, Ala.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—S. J. Cox, Walnut Grove, Ala.
EDUCATION—J. R. Nowlin, Gadsden, Ala.
TEMPERANCE—C. H. Crawford, Attalla, Ala.
FAMILY RELIGION—W. Y. Adams, Walnut Grove, Ala.
RELIGIOUS LITERATURE—J. R. Trotter, Gadsden, Ala.
SABBATH SCHOOL—W. L. Culbertson, Walnut Grove, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Letters from Churches.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Invite Visiting Ministers and Brethren to seats.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Appoint Correspondents.
8. Reports of Standing Committees. (Committee may report at any time when the time is not occupied.)
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Call the Roll and Read the Minutes.
11. Fix the Order of Printing and Distributing Minutes.
12. Adjournment.

MINUTES.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1891.

The Etowah Baptist Association met in its eighth annual session with Walnut Grove church, Walnut Grove, Ala., on Tuesday, September 1, 1891.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. I. Purser, of Birmingham, Ala.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After reading 84th Psalm by Elder H. R. Culbertson and prayer by Joseph Shackelford the association was called to order, H. R. Culbertson, moderator, in the chair. J. R. Nowlin, clerk pro tem.

Read letters and enrolled delegates present.

ANTIOCH—Q. Steel

ATTALLA—C. H. Crawford, L. L. Buckley and S. P. Bearden.

BETHANY—D. M. Gilliland, J. W. Gilliland, C. W. C. Tucker, T. W. Steel and J. M. Funderberg.

BRISTOE'S CREEK—J. S. Brasseal and B. F. Wilmore.

CAVE SPRINGS—C. W. Butler, W. M. McClendon, James McClendon and Mat Noble.

FAIRVIEW—J. M. Sitz, J. H. Bearden and L. Divine.

GREENWOOD—John Stowers.

GADSDEN—J. R. Nowlin, J. C. Slack, Edgar Welsh and J. H. Holcombe.

EAST GADSDEN—M. B. Jelks and W. T. Cox.

LIBERTY COOSA—H. R. Culbertson, J. H. Wisdom, W. N. Leek and W. W. Wester.

MT. ARARAT—J. M. C. Burnett and J. M. Griffith.

MT. CARMEL—J. H. Glazener, A. J. Gilliland and R. G. Harton.

MT. GILEAD—W. M. Burrell, John Heathcock and Wiley Woodall

OAK GROVE—R. T. Reed.

PILGRIMS' REST—H. H. McDill, A. J. Brown, D. W. Sturkie, M. T. W. Smith and W. R. Myrick.

PLEASANT HILL—A. J. F. Johnson and J. N. Vann.

PLEASANT VALLEY—Not represented.

SHADY GROVE—J. D. McHenry, J. M. Smith, J. W. Smith, Richard Henderson and S. M. Waldon.

TEN ISLAND—R. P. Walker and J. A. Dodgin.

UNION NO. 1—D. M. Reeve, O. Q. Norton and T. H. Stephens.

UNION NO. 2—W. A. Culbertson and J. C. Lutes.

WALNUT GROVE—W. Y. Adams, G. B. Wade, W. L. Culbertson, Warren Bachus and S. J. Cox.

WHITE'S CHAPEL—L. C. Coplin, E. W. Bradley, L. W. Bramlett and C. B. Hammitt.

WHITE'S SPRINGS—J. H. Boman, J. W. Heaton, R. R. Yeats, T. C. Wright and E. C. Jones.

Appointed as tellers D. I. Purser and Joseph Shackleford. Elected H. R. Culbertson Moderator, R. R. Yeats, Clerk and J. R. Nowlin, Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters.

A petitionary letter from Greenwood church was presented. Upon motion, the church was received and the Moderator extended the hand of welcome in behalf of the Association.

Called for correspondents. The following brethren were received with all the various interest represented :

Dr. W. S. Averett, as President of the Judson Institute; Elder G. E. Brewer, as General Missionary of American Baptist Publication Society; Dr. D. I. Purser, as Financial Secretary of Howard College and vice-president of State Sabbath School Board; Elder W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, Elder G. S. Anderson, vice-president of the Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama State Convention, Elder Joseph Shackleford, representing Baptist Expositor, O. A. Steel, from Warrior River Association and J. A. Glenn, of Cahaba Valley Association.

Appointed J. W. Heaton and J. R. Gilliland, in connection with the pastor and deacons of Walnut Grove church as a committee on devotional exercises.

Upon motion of G. B. Wade, agreed to hold a session to-night.

Upon motion of J. R. Nowlin, filled vacancies in committees :

State Missions—J. R. Trotter and W. W. Wester.

Home Missions—J. D. Pettit and O. A. Steel.

Upon motion, agreed to have report on family religion at 7:30 p. m.

Upon motion, made report on education a special order of to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Appointed C. H. Crawford and M. B. Jelks to fill vacancies in committee on Sabbath School.

Appointed Dr. J. C. Slack to fill vacancy in committee on Religious Literature.

Upon motion of Dr. J. R. Nowlin, committee on devotional exercises was instructed to appoint some one to preach the missionary sermon at such time as they may determine.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION—7:30 P. M.

Congregation joined in singing, "How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord" and after prayer by G. S. Anderson, proceeded to business.

Committee on Family Religion read their report which was discussed by Brethren W. B. Crumpton, D. I. Purser, Joseph Shackleford, G. S. Anderson and C. W. Hare, after which report was adopted.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

Your committee on Family Religion submit the following as their report: The wise King has said bring up your children in the way they should go, and we know no better way than to go that way ourselves. We should not neglect to let our light shine that others seeing our works might be constrained to glorify God. Especially we should not neglect our duty to our own children. We should gather them around the family altar and instruct them out of God's Word and pray for them. Brethren, let us no longer neglect this duty for it will better prepare us to meet and overcome the trials and temptations of this world. It makes us better parents, better neighbors and better missionaries. It will prepare us to live better and when we come to die we can look back and say of a truth our labors have not been in vain in the Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. T. ASTIN, }
J. M. SITZ, } Committee.
J. H. BOMAN. }

SECOND DAY—SEPTEMBER 2.

Devotional exercises led by Elder J. R. Trotter, after which the Moderator read the 26th Psalm and prayer by Elder James Fields, proceeded to business.

Read, corrected and approved minutes of preceding day.

Renewed call for correspondents. Received Brother C. W. Hare, of the Alabama Baptist.

Upon motion, Elder James Fields was recognized as a visiting minister.

Proceeded to the appointment of committees:

Finance—J. R. Gilliland, C. W. Butler and R. T. Reed.
State Missions—J. H. Glazener, R. R. Yeats and John Stowers.
Home Missions—J. E. Smith, J. W. Gilliland and W. W. Wester.
Foreign Missions—S. J. Cox, Dr. J. C. Slack and O. Q. Norton.
Education—J. R. Nowlin, A. J. F. Johnson and J. W. Smith.
Temperance—C. H. Crawford, J. S. Brasseal and M. B. Jelks.
Family Religion—W. Y. Adams, E. C. Jones and L. W. Bramlet.
Religious Literature—J. R. Trotter, J. M. Griffith and Wiley Woodall.
Sabbath School—W. L. Culbertson, J. H. Bearden and R. P. Walker.
Time and Place—W. A. Culbertson, J. W. Heaton and D. M. Reeves.
Nominations—D. M. Gilliland, L. Divine and L. C. Copelin.

Upon motion, had report on education read which was ably discussed by Dr. S. W. Averett, of Judson Institute, and D. I. Purser, representing Howard College.

The following brethren agreed to pay for building purposes at Howard College the amounts set opposite their names:

Dr. G. F. Donawho Warrior River Association.....	\$ 100 00
J. D. Hendrix, Liberty, ".....	25 00
W. Y. Adams and W. T. Murphree, Walnut Grove.....	50 00
J. H. Glazener, Gadsden, Ala.....	20 00
C. H. Crawford, Attalla, ".....	10 00
East Gadsden Church, ".....	10 00
Mrs. L. H. Harrison, Attalla, Ala.....	5 00

H. R. Culbertson, Hoke's Bluff, Ala.,.....	\$ 25 00
J. C. Lutes, Gallant, Ala.,.....	10 00
S. B. Bearden, Attalla, Ala.,.....	10 00
W. M. Leek, Hoke's Bluff, Ala.,.....	5 00
J. H. Wisdom, Hoke's Bluff, Ala.,.....	10 00
Q. Steel, Steels' Ala.,.....	5 00
L. D. Stephens, Ala.,.....	1 00
R. T. Reed, Reed, Ala.,.....	5 00
A. J. F. Johnson, Ala.,.....	1 00
J. W. Vann, Ala.,.....	1 00
L. Divine, Ala.,.....	10 00
C. D. Fowler, Ala.,.....	5 00

Adjourned to 2 p. m. Prayer by Dr. S. W. Averett.

EVENING SESSION, 2 P. M.

Elder Joseph Shackelford conducted services by reading from the 10th chapter of Luke, and prayer by Elder W. B. Crumpton, after which Brother Shackelford proceeded to preach the missionary sermon. Text, 29th verse of 10th chapter of Luke. At the close of the sermon a public collection for missions was taken which resulted in the collection of \$10.10. Upon motion of Dr. J. R. Nowlin, postponed any further discussions of report on education until to-morrow at 9 a. m.

Appointed committee to consider the further retention of Brother T. A. Hancock in school.

Committee—J. H. Glazener, J. H. Wisdom and J. M. Sitz.

W. Y. Adams read report on State Missions.

W. L. Culbertson read report on Foreign Missions.

Upon motion of J. H. Glazener, waved report on Home Missions and agreed to have a mass meeting at night and discuss the subject same as report was made.

Upon motion of C. B. Hammitt, appointed committee on apportionment to apportion the amount for missions asked from each church.

Committee—J. R. Nowlin, G. B. Wade, J. R. Trotter and R. R. Yeats.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m., with prayer by Elder J. H. Glazener.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association engaged in a prayer meeting until time appointed to meet, 7:30 p. m.

Elder W. B. Crumpton proceeded to discuss reports on missions, followed by Elder G. S. Anderson and C. W. Hare.

Upon motion of W. Y. Adams the further consideration of the reports were postponed until the next day at meeting at 8:30.

Adjourned with prayer by Elder J. A. Glenn.

THIRD DAY—8:30 A. M.

Devotional exercises led by the Moderator and prayer by Elder J. D. Pettit.

Renewed call for correspondents.

Received Brother J. Brown, of Warrior River Association.

Read and corrected minutes of preceding day.

Elder J. D. Pettit read report on Home Missions.

Adopted report in connection with the other reports on missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

About sixteen years ago the State mission Board was organized by the Baptist State Convention. The Baptists of Alabama at that time were doing almost nothing for the mission cause. Through the influence of this board, largely, they have greatly increased their contributions for Home and Foreign Missions and they are now supporting fifty-four men in different parts of the state. On account of the stringency in money matters, which is now so seriously affecting the whole country the Board was not able to meet its obligations to the men in its employ for the quarter ending June 30th, and soon another quarter's salary will be due, and still the treasury is empty. We learn these lamentable facts from the corresponding secretary who is present with us. At the last meeting of the Association we made, what was believed to be, a progressive step to name to each church an amount which they were asked to try to raise. From the reading of the letters we fear some did not even try—churches report the full amount raised. Your committee feel sure that this is a good plan to adhere to. We therefore recommend that we try to raise \$500. The amount suggested by the State Board; and that a careful committee be appointed to apportion this amount out among the churches. This is only twenty-two cents to the member. Surely, if we propose to continue to claim to be Missionary Baptists, we will not refuse to give this small amount. Brethren, do not be idle now our country is being rapidly filled with strangers. Many of them are good people who will help to improve our country, but many others bringing vices and immorality which will be destructive to the moral and spiritual intents of our children. New and strange doctrines are beginning to be preached in our country. We must put against these false doctrines, the gospel in its purity. The State Mission Board commends itself to our people for its efforts to supply the new towns and destitute with the gospel,

Respectfully submitted,

W. Y. ADAMS, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The duty to send the gospel, is not limited to our own country. Wherever a lost child of Adam is found God's people are to carry or send the gospel, which is the power of God to save them. Our Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Va., has missionaries in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, China, Italy and Japan. Alabama is represented in the mission forces in the foreign field in the person of Mr. Crawford and Miss Thornton in China, Rev. John W. McCollum and his wife in Japan and Mrs. Moseley and Miss McCormic in Mexico. Alabama contributed last year for Foreign missions \$7,753.67 which was more than the state ever

contributed before in one year. Etowah Association gave of this amount \$112.93, one church giving \$94.83 of this amount, leaving \$18.10 which was given by eight of the other churches, which leaves fourteen churches of this Association that gave not one cent for the salvation of lost souls beyond our borders. In the coming year when the Baptists of the whole world are moving to celebrate the centennial of modern missions, let us hope that the spirit of missions shall so stir the hearts and consciences of our people that they will never again send a letter to the Association which does not show something done for the saving of the heathen World. In conclusion, we would recommend the appointment of a committee of five to be known as the Centennial Committee, to co-operate with the State Committee to arrange mission meeting in our borders for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. CULBERTSON, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions report, on investigation we find that during the last conventional year that the board had four hundred and six workers in the field as against three hundred and seventy-one the year before. The results of these labors show a corresponding increase. Baptisms 5,349, a gain of 872 over the preceding year. Total additions to mission churches for the year 9,987. Churches constituted by these workers 267. Sunday Schools organized 336. Houses of worship built 143. The sum expended in their erection \$60,473.00. The above is some of the results of your home work. It should be the motto of every Baptist in this broad land, "The World for Christ." Brethren, let us push forward the good work until it, revolving round this great centre, shall keep broadening until it shall reach the utmost verge of human habitation.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. D. PETTIT, Chairman.

Elder J. H. Glazener read report of committee appointed to determine the propriety of keeping Bro. Hancock in school.

REPORT

Your committee appointed to ascertain whether or not we shall continue Bro. T. A. Hancock as a beneficiary of this Association, beg leave to report that he has made reasonable progress in his studies, and in consideration of his zeal and fidelity, recommend that he be continued in Walnut Grove College another year.

J. H. GLAZENER, } Committee.
J. H. WISDOM, }

Elder G. S. Anderson addressed the Association upon the subject of ministerial education followed by Elder J. H. Glazener and J. R. Nowlin.

Upon motion of W. L. Culbertson, agreed to ask the churches composing this association to pay 10 cents per member for the purpose of continuing Bro. Hancock in school another year and appointed a committee, one from each district of the association, to superintend the collection of the

money for Bro. T. A Hancock.

Took up a collection for Bro. Hancock, for the purpose of relieving his present financial embarrassment which resulted in collecting, in cash, notes, receipts and subscription of \$58.50.

Dr. J. R. Nowlin read report on religious literature which was discussed by Brethren C. W. Hare, G. E. Brewer, Joseph Shackleford and G. S. Anderson.

Adopted report.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The press is the most powerful and efficient human agency ever devised for the distribution of knowledge. It is a fountain from which is continually flowing waters both bitter and sweet. It is an agency for good under wise Christian control, but under the management of the world it is satan's most effectual way of sowing the seed of error and preparing the hearts and minds of the masses for the accomplishment of his own wicked purpose. He has sought to undermine the foundation of our belief in God through such works as Tom Payne, Voltaire and Ingersoll. In modern times he has adopted a far more subtle method for corrupting the tastes and defaming the morals of men. The press is flooding the world with trashy works of fiction and adventure, many of which are damning in their influence. Such works as the life of Jessie James and Rube Burrows ought not to be tolerated in any Christian household. The Police Gazette and other papers abounding in obscene stories and pictures should be discarded and many of the secular papers are filled with the details of crimes and adventures that should not so much as be mentioned in our homes. How then can we stem the tide of iniquity? How can the press be enlisted in the interest of Christianity? First, let us as individual Christians see to it that no book, periodicals or newspapers come to our homes that are even questionable as to their moral character. Let us encourage the reading of such books and periodicals as will elevate the tastes and cultivate both the head and the heart. As a denomination we should use our own hymn and song books, our own Sabbath School literature such as is published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention or the American Baptist Publication Society. We should take one State organ, the Alabama Baptist and encourage its circulation among our people. As Baptists we should certainly patronize our own publication societies and these lend a helping hand in publishing the truth as held and practiced by us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. NOWLIN, }
J. C. SLACK, } Committee.

Upon motion of J. W. Heaton, limited Speeches to 10 minutes.

C. H. Crawford read report on Sabbath School which was discussed by Brethren G. E. Brewer, W. B. Crumpton, C. H. Crawford and A. C. D. Cornelius. S. J. Cox offered amendment to Sabbath School report. Upon motion, adopted report with amendment.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL.

Your committee on Sabbath School submit the following report for your consideration :

We find that only about one-third of the churches composing this Association maintain Sabbath Schools and that only a small portion of these schools are in a flourishing condition. Therefore, we have to report a lamentable lack of interest on the part of our churches in this most important work. We also note from the letters sent up that where there is no Sabbath School the churches are in a half dead-alive condition. We offer the following as some of the reasons that cause this failure on the part of the churches of our Association to do their duty: 1st, A non-conception of the power and influence of the Sunday School for good, and general indifference to the cause of our Master. 2d, An inclination among the members of our churches to visit around the country on the Sabbath seeing what others are doing rather than looking after their duty to their churches and families. 3d, We are afraid that a great many of our individual members try to corrupt their influence and laziness with that much abused and little understood doctrine of "what will be will be." Your committee earnestly recommends that the churches be urged forward in this work, where it is already undertaken, and that the churches where they have no schools be requested by the Association to try this great work and give it a fair and prayerful attention. We would also urge upon our schools the duty of using the literature of our Southern Baptist Convention which we are sure is second to none and more nearly meets the needs of our Southern schools.

AMENDMENT.

RESOLVED 1, That it is the sentiment of this body to recommend and urge the churches composing this Association to appoint the fifth Sunday in November (this year) 1891 as a suitable time for the organization of district Sabbath School Societies to the furtherance of this Sabbath School work and also that such work may become more systematized.

RESOLVED 2, That each school be allowed one messenger for each twenty students or fraction thereof at said organization provided, however, that each school shall be entitled to two messengers.

RESOLVED 3, That the moderator of this body appoint some person, or persons to locate a place for said meetings of Sunday Schools and to call the same.

RESOLVED 4, That such societies shall report the result of their labors to this Association—either for approval or to the contrary at her next annual convention.

Submitted,
C. H. CRAWFORD, } Committee.
J. C. LUTES, }

Upon motion of G. B. Wade, returned thanks to our visiting Brethren for their presence with us.

Appointed S. J. Cox, J. R. Nowlin, W. H. Boozer and D. M. Reeves committee to arrange place and call meeting of Sabbath Schools for the purpose of organizing District Sabbath School Societies.

Adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

Called Association to order.

Upon motion of J. R. Nowlin, authorized any person members of this Association, who may be present at the meeting of any Association with which we correspond to act as a correspondent from this Association.

Appointed delegates to the State Convention as follows:

J. R. Nowlin, J. H. Glazener, W. L. Culbertson, H. R. Culbertson H. W. Williams, R. R. Yeats, A. J. Gilliland, A. B. Goodhue, W. Y. Adams, C. B. Hammett, A. T. Fuller and M. L. Buckley.

Upon motion, elected J. R. Nowlin delegate to Southern Baptist Convention with W. L. Culbertson alternate.

Appointed G. B. Wade, J. H. Glazener, J. E. Smith and C. B. Hammett committee to superintend the collection of funds to support Bro. T. A. Hancock in school another year.

Committee reported on time and place for holding the next Association.

REPORT.

We, your committee on time and place, recommend that the next session of the Association be held with the Attalla Baptist Church, commencing the first Tuesday in September, 1892.

W. A. CULBERTSON, Chairman.

Report Adopted.

Committee on nominations reported and report was adopted.

REPORT.

We, your committee on nominations, beg leave to submit the following as our report: J. E. Smith to preach the introductory sermon, C. B. Hammett alternate; J. H. Glazener to preach the missionary sermon, W. Y. Adams alternate; J. D. Pettit to preach the temperance sermon, J. R. Trotter alternate.

D. M. GILLILAND, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1891		J. R. Nowlin in account with Etowah Association.	
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	To balance on hand for indigent ministers		\$.30
Nov. 9.	To cash received of Bethany Church		5.65
" 11.	" " " Mt. Carmel "		8.70
Jan. 7.	" " " Liberty Coosa Church		15.00
Feb'y 23	" " " Ten Island Church		1.50
April 28	" " " White's Springs Church		1.50
Aug. 15	" " " White's Chapel "		2.90
" 29	" " " R. T. Reed for Hancock		1.00
" 31	" " " Mt. Carmel Church, Ministerial Education		7.01
			<hr/> \$43.56
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Jan. 5	By cash to Hancock		\$15.70
June 5	" " " "		17.35
			<hr/> \$33.05

Balance on hand.....	\$10.51
In addition to the above there has been paid T. A. Hancock in person from Union No. 2.....	16.00
From Walnut Grove.....	7.75
“ Bristoe's Creek.....	5.00
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	\$28.75
Making a total paid him during the year.....	\$61.80

Dr. J. R. Nowlin offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to Walnut Grove church and community for their hospitality and generous entertainment of the Association

Bro. B. L. Murphree read report on Temperance which was discussed by Elder J. H. Glazener followed by the choir singing “Turn your Glasses down Boys.” Report was then adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, submit the following: Cognizant of the fact that this subject of Temperance in its most popular significance, applies only to the use of intoxicating drinks. We desire only to speak of this subject in this sense. This evil of intemperance is one of the greatest and most formidable of all that the church has to contend with, and it becomes doubly so, because this evil is fostered and nurtured within the very folds of the church. So long as church members persist in supporting such an evil, though indirectly, just so long will our land be condemned to its servitude. It is conceded by all, that to destroy an evil is to strike at the very root of it; hence, admitting the fact, that the young men of our land are largely to blame for the spread and growth of this monster of intemperance, and are following its dictates to their own inevitable ruin, yet they are solely to blame for the present state of affairs when they are encouraged in this vice by men who are influential members of the church, who under the vain and silly subterfuge, that it is necessary to their health; drink themselves and sell their brother, under the name of medicine, whiskey which is oftentimes better than that obtained at the saloon. Owing to the rapid strides made by the medical men of our country there are found substitutes which will take place of whiskey in all cases of disease. We therefore urge upon our brethren to abstain absolutely from the use of all ardent spirits either as a beverage or as a medicine. Whenever the churches make this a rule and strictly enforce it, then and not till then will the vile curse of intemperance sicken and die. We recognize the fact that the traffic in intoxicating liquors should be suppressed in toto, but it is a fact that no law can be enforced that does not meet with the approval and support of the masses. We think a mistake is frequently made therefore bringing on heated prohibition campaigns prematurely. It should be recognized by the church that the fight against the liquor traffic should be in the direction of educating the people to realize the enormous evil of this business, that there may be in the near future a spontaneous, universal uprising of the people against it.

B. L. MURPHREE, Chairman.

Adopted report on education as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee on education beg leave to make the following report: There has never been a time in the history of the world, perhaps, when there was a greater need or demand for true education than just at this time. The true value of an education is beyond the power of men to estimate. The mind of man is endowed with susceptibilities beyond reckoning, and it is our duty to improve every opportunity possible to store that mind with such wholesome knowledge as will best fit us for that sphere in life in which, by the providence of God, we have been placed. We do not mean by an education, just that knowledge or training attainable alone within the walls of an academy, a college or a seminary, but a complete development of all our moral faculties as well, in order that we may have, somewhat, a true conception of our relations to God and to man, and thereby the better to enable us to sustain ourselves in this life, as well as a preparation for the life to come. As a Baptist denomination, we believe that we have and sustain the truth as it is in Christ Jesus and that it is to be largely through us that the world may be brought from darkness unto light. It is a very important matter to us that we be able to maintain truth against the error and superstition now prevalent in the world, hence the necessity of looking well to the subject of education. We note with pride the progress which Baptists have made and are still making in the cause of education and the spreading of the truth as it is in Christ. Our motto has ever been "Upward and Onward" along this line and let us hope that it shall continue thus until the glorious truth of the gospel of Christ shall circle the globe and mantle the universe. In connection, herewith, we take great pride in recommending Howard College as a superior institution of learning for our boys, and the Judson Institute for our girls. The Howard and the Judson are institutes owned by the Baptists of Alabama and are directly under their fostering care. They are institutes second to none and are worthy the patronage of all true Baptists and we earnestly bespeak for them your faithful maintenance and patronage.

J. B. RICHARDS, Chairman.

Adopted report on finance as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Foreign Missions	\$12.60	Ministerial education.....	\$ 3.40
Minutes.....	26.70	State Sabbath School work.....	7.50
State Missions.....	47.20	Missions and Ministerial education.	31.25
Home ".....	9.60	North China.....	6.00
Missions not named	69.45	Missions by Walnut Grove S. S.....	4.10
		\$150.90	

Respectfully Submitted,

J. R. GILLIAND, }
C. W. BUTLER, } Committee.
R. T. REED. }

The moderator read a request from Shady Grove church asking for help to build a church.

Upon motion, took up a collection for the purpose of helping build a house of worship at Shady Grove which resulted in the collection of \$2.00.

Read and adopted report on apportionment as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Antioch	\$14.00	Oak Grove.....	\$10.00
Attalla.....	18.00	Pilgrim's Rest.....	24.00
Bethany.....	34.00	Pleasant Valley.....	10.00
Bristoe's Creek.....	24.00	Pleasant Hill.....	8.00
Cave Springs.....	8.00	Shady Grove.....	5.00
East Gadsden.....	8.00	Ten Island.....	20.00
Fairview.....	20.00	Union No. 1.....	30.00
Gadsden.....	85.00	Union No. 2.....	20.00
Liberty Coosa.....	30.00	White's Chapel.....	20.00
Mt. Ararat.....	8.00	Walnut Grove.....	30.00
Mt. Carmel.....	24.00	White's Springs.....	30.00
Mt. Gilead.....	12.00	Greenwood.....	8.00
Total amount.....			\$500.00

J. R. TROTTER, Chairman.

Appointed G. B. Wade, J. H. Glazener, W. W. Wester, W. L. Culbertson and J. R. Nowlin Centennial Committee to confer with the State committee.

Authorized the clerk to turn over the money collected for Bro. T. A. Hancock to him and take his receipt for it.

Upon motion retained the present Executive committee.

It was ordered that the clerk have \$10 for his services and the remainder of the minute money be used in printing minutes.

Read and adopted minutes.

Adjourned.

H. R. CULBERTSON, MODERATOR.

R. R. YEATS, CLERK.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

F. M. Sauls,	Brice, Ala.	V. H. Dean,	Gadsden, Ala.
*C. B. Hammett,	East Gadsden, Ala.	*H. W. Williams,	Gadsden, Ala.
*J. D. Pettit,	Walnut Grove, Ala.	*Jacob Gray,	Attalla, Ala.
*J. E. Smith,	Buford, Ala.	*John Astin,	Attalla, Ala.
P. M. Archer,	Buford, Ala.	*K. S. Steel,	Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
*W. Y. Adams,	Walnut Grove, Ala.	J. A. Reeve,	Seaborn, Ala.
*J. H. Glazener,	Gadsden, Ala.	Z. T. Thomas,	Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
*H. R. Culbertson,	Hoke's Bluff, Ala.	T. A. Smith,	Colvin's Gap.
*G. B. Wade,	Walnut Grove, Ala.	J. R. Trotter,	Gadsden, Ala.

CONSTITUTION.

The name of this Association shall be "The Etowah Baptist Association."

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform such duties and perform them in such a manner as is ordinarily required of such officers. They shall be elected at or near the opening of each annual session of the body.

The membership of the Association shall be such churches as shall see fit and be permitted to represent themselves in its sessions by delegates.

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, but every church shall be entitled to at least two delegates.

The object of this Association shall be the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, not only within its bounds, but throughout the world. It shall aid and encourage by means of its influence those grand institutions and agencies which, in the providence of God, have been established by the wise and good among our brethren for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, for the distribution of the Bible among those destitute of it, for the education of young men for the work of the ministry, as well as the cause of education generally; for the promotion of the Sunday-School cause, the cause of temperance, etc.

The Association shall employ such means and adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated to cultivate Christian unity and fellowship among the brethren within its bounds, to provoke the brethren to love and do good works, to stir up the pure minds of the brethren by way of remembrance, to secure individual advancement in the divine life, in every way as individuals, to illustrate to the world the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association, an Introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. The service being performed, the Moderator, or if he is absent, the oldest minister present, shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence from other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privileges and prohibition.

5. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

6. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

7. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, unless permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

8. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

9. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

10. In order to expedite business, committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

11. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

12. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and opening of business, after prayer, each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called; and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

13. Any alteration of these by-laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order usually observed by deliberative bodies of this kind shall be observed by this Association.

If any point of order be raised by any member of the body, it shall be decided by the moderator; but appeal may be taken from his decision to that of the body.

"Mell's Parliamentary Practice" shall be used as authority in regard to questions of order.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

There is one and but one God, who is a spirit, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, unchangable, infinite in goodness and wisdom, of inviolable truth, perfectly just, of immaculate holiness, the Creator of all things, the preserver of all, and the supreme ruler over all.

The Godhead is a Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—three persons in one divine essence.

The Son became incarnate, thus uniting in himself the divine and human natures that he might become the mediator between God and man; man's final judge, and by his life, death and resurrection the redeemer and Savior of his people.

The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier and comforter of God's people. He is, through the divine word, the author of the new spiritual life produced in man in his regeneration.

The Holy Scriptures were given by divine inspiration as a revelation of God's will to man concerning him, and constitute to him an infallible rule of faith and practice.

Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, were created holy, and for a time served the Creator acceptably living innocently and happy in his favor; but Adam, having been placed under a covenant of works, violated it, and brought the penalty of the violation upon himself and his descendants.

All men partaking of the consequences of the fall, are both totally depraved and guilty of actual transgression of God's laws.

No man can free himself from his native depravity, or from condemnation. No man can save himself. There is no way of salvation but by Jesus Christ.

The Christian Sabbath is the first day of the week, and should be kept holy and consecrated to the service and worship of God in obedience to the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and in commemoration of the resurrection on that day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The ordinances of the Gospel are two—Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Great Head of the church required the perpetual observance of these ordinances by the churches as such and under their authority.

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water by one duly qualified and authorized to administer the rite. It is prerequisite to church membership.

A Gospel church is a company of baptized believers organized under the law of its Great Head, for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world. The officers of the church are its pastors and deacons. Each church is an independent body, subject only to the commands of its Great Head. The work required of the church is missionary in its character. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The Holy Spirit continues the work of sanctification upon those whom he has regenerated to the end of life, and thus saves all who are regenerated from apostasy.

All who will be finally saved were chosen of God the Father before the foundation of the world, and given to Jesus Christ in the covenant of grace; yet all who will be lost will have rejected of their own will a proffered salvation.

The bodies of all who die will be raised from the dead and reunited to their spirits for the judgment of the great day.

In the last day Jesus Christ will come to judge the world, and having assembled all men before him, will pass sentence upon them according to their works.

Heaven is a place to which the righteous will be received, and made perfectly happy in their presence and enjoyment of God forever.

Hell is a place into which the wicked may be cast, to suffer everlasting punishment for their sins.

Financial Exhibit of Etowah Baptist Association, 1891.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.		Church Building (Shady Grove.)	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Publication Society.	State S. S. Work.	Ministerial Education.		Minutes.	Missionary Purposes and Undesignated.	Howard College (building.	Sunday School Expenses.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, Etc.	Value of Building, and Furniture.
	Hancock at Walnut Grove.	Howard College.															
Antioch					10.60					1.50	8.40			12.10	500.00	236.05	2000.00
Atalia										1.10	5.60			6.70			
Bethany								5.00						5.00			
Bristoe's Creek										1.00				1.00			700.00
Cave Springs					10.00								5.00	16.00	240.00		600.00
East Gadsden										1.00				2.85			600.00
Fairview	1.85						7.50		338.33	3.00	14.00		43.37	485.78		175.00	2000.00
Gadsden						8.00								2.65			
Greenwood	2.00							5.22		1.30	26.05		13.10	46.25	200.00	29.55	500.00
Liberty Coosa										1.25			3.36	7.11			500.00
Mt. Ararat				2.50	7.80					1.50	7.01			16.31	22.75	125.00	150.00
Mt. Carmel										1.25				5.70			
Mt. Gilhead				4.45						1.25				5.00			
Oak Grove										1.00				2.65			350.00
Pigeon's Rest	3.75			1.65						1.75	1.10			1.85			
Pleasant Hill																	
Pleasant Valley																	
Shady Grove										2.00				9.60			500.00
Ten Island				3.00						1.50	8.10			4.05			
Union No. 1										1.05				18.20			
Union No. 2										1.00	1.20			13.20			
Walnut Grove										1.25	4.20			21.00	100.00		
White's Chapel	1.00			6.00	9.60					1.00				19.75	50.00		400.00
White's Springs	1.00			1.00	14.50					1.75				85.60			
Collected at Association			2.00							10.10	315.00						
TOTAL	9.60	2.00	159.18	52.50	8.00	7.50	97.37	338.33	26.70	85.74	315.00	64.83	1001.20	1202.75	365.60	252500.00	


Statistics of Etowah Baptist Association, 1891.

CHURCH.		COUNTY.		PASTOR.		CLERK.		CLERK'S P. O.		MEMBERSHIP LAST REPORTED.										INCREASE.					DECREASE.					SUPERINTENDENT.		SUPERINTENDENT'S P. O.		OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.		PUPILS.		PREACHING SABBATHS.		REPORTS PRAYER MEETING.		REPORTS REVIVAL.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																	
										No. Ordained Ministers.		No. Licensed Ministers.		Memberships Last Reported.		Baptism.		Letter.		Experience.		Restoration.		Letter.		Exclusion.		Fines.		Death.		Present Membership.		Superintendent.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.		Attalla.		Steel's.			

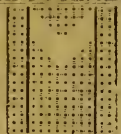

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